

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST BROADBAND SERVICES, INC., d/b/a CENTURYLINK QC	DOCKET NO. VCA-2014-0006
	CERTIFICATE NO. VC-0024

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE

(Issued August 26, 2014)

On August 1, 2014, Qwest Broadband Services, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink QC (QBSI), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an initial application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service in Council Bluffs and Carter Lake, Iowa, and in the unincorporated areas of Pottawattamie County, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 477A and 199 IAC chapter 44. QBSI's initial application consists of a completed application form, a signed affidavit, and an attachment explaining QBSI's relationships with its corporate parent and subsidiaries and a description of QBSI's Prism TV service that is the subject of this application (Attachment A).

QBSI explains in Attachment A that its ultimate parent corporation is CenturyLink, Inc., which, through its subsidiaries, owns 100 percent of QBSI. One of those subsidiaries, Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC, holds a Board-issued certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) authorizing that company to provide local exchange telephone service in certain wireline exchange areas

identified in tariffs and as defined by service territory maps on file with the Board. QBSI attached a copy of CenturyLink QC's CPCN as Attachment B. QBSI states it will use the local facilities of CenturyLink QC for the transmission of the Prism TV service. QBSI states it is a Delaware corporation that offers the branded Prism TV service pursuant to local franchises in multiple cities, counties, and states, including Omaha, Nebraska.

QBSI's application includes an affidavit signed by a corporate officer affirming that the company has filed or will file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) all forms required by the FCC before offering service in Iowa and that the company agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, and rules and with all applicable state laws and nondiscriminatory municipal ordinances and regulations regarding the use and occupation of a public right-of-way in the delivery of service, to the extent consistent with Iowa Code chapter 477A, including the police powers of the municipalities in which the service is delivered. The application includes the name and title of QBSI's principal executive officers with direct authority over cable and video operations and provides customer service contact information.

QBSI proposes to provide service pursuant to its Board-issued certificate of franchise authority within Carter Lake and Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the unincorporated areas of Pottawattamie County, Iowa. QBSI states it intends to commence service on November 1, 2014.

The Board has reviewed QBSI's application and finds it complies with the Board's rules at 199 IAC 44 and with the requirements in Iowa Code chapter 477A. The application form submitted by QBSI is the one developed by the Board and includes all the information required by 199 IAC 44.3(3). In Attachment C filed with the application, QBSI provides copies of the required notices sent to the affected incumbent cable provider and the affected municipalities.

With respect to the requirement in Iowa Code § 477A.3(1)"g" that an applicant provide copies of advertisements, QBSI explains in its supplemental filing (Attachment D) that it is not currently advertising in the proposed service area. QBSI states that upon approval of the application and when advertising starts, it will file with the Board copies of advertisements or news releases.

The Board will grant QBSI's application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service in the service area identified in the application. The Board will issue a certificate of franchise authority concurrently with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of franchise authority to provide cable and video service filed by Qwest Broadband Services, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink QC, on August 1, 2014, is granted as discussed in this order.

2. A certificate of franchise authority, identified as Certificate No. VC-0024, is issued to Qwest Broadband Services, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink QC, concurrently with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26th day of August 2014.